

**Local Education Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program  
Ad Hoc Workgroup Meeting  
August 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** H. Allen Hight Elementary School

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| 1.  | Rick Record     | DHCS, SNFD                              |
| 2.  | Cheryl Ward     | DHCS, SNFD                              |
| 3.  | Martin Alvarez  | DHCS, A&I Financial Audits Branch (FAB) |
| 4.  | Cori Miglietto  | DHCS, A&I FAB                           |
| 5.  | Renzo Bernales  | CDE, Special Education Department       |
| 6.  | Michelle Cowart | Contra Costa COE                        |
| 7.  | Lisa Chaney     | Fresno COE                              |
| 8.  | Sherry Purcell  | Los Angeles USD                         |
| 9.  | Margie Bobe     | Los Angeles USD                         |
| 10. | Laura Baynham   | Mendocino COE                           |
| 11. | Tracy Cole      | Natomas USD                             |
| 12. | Jeremy Ford     | Oakland USD                             |
| 13. | Cathy Bennett   | Sacramento City USD                     |
| 14. | Angela Jones    | San Bernardino City USD                 |
| 15. | Marlene Burruel | San Joaquin COE                         |
| 16. | Janice Holden   | Stanislaus COE                          |
| 17. | Kevin Harris    | Navigant Consulting, Inc.               |
| 18. | Gloria Eng      | Navigant Consulting, Inc.               |
| 19. | Kerry Chang     | Navigant Consulting, Inc.               |

**Handouts**

Each participant was e-mailed an electronic copy of the Workgroup Meeting Agenda, June 2012 Meeting Minutes, and August Status Update Summary. Copies of the February, April and June Breakout Session Summary and Results, Workgroup Meeting Breakout Session Process Flow and the List of Suggested LEA Breakout Topics for Discussion were distributed to Workgroup members.

**Purpose**

The meeting was convened by DHCS. The purpose of the Workgroup is to improve the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Program. The emphasis of the meeting is to strategize various goals and activities aimed at enhancing the Medi-Cal services provided on school sites and access by students to these services, while increasing federal reimbursement to LEAs for the cost of providing these services.

**Review of Meeting Minutes**

The Workgroup reviewed the June meeting minutes and the minutes were approved as written. The minutes will be posted on the LEA Program website.

**California Department of Education (CDE) Updates**

- The AB 114 workgroup provided a variety of guidance documents for schools that is available on the AB 114 website (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/ac/ab114twg.asp>).

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- CDE is finalizing four additional guidance documents related to wraparound services, assessments, day treatment, and frequently asked questions that will be posted on the website as soon as possible.

**Audits & Investigations Updates (A&I) Updates**

- A&I started to issue FY 2006/07 CRCS audit reports to LEAs and will continue to issue reports in August.
- A&I is currently auditing FY 2007/08 and FY 2008/09 CRCS reports.
  - 70 percent of the FY 2007/08 CRCS reports are complete and A&I will be sending 15-day letters to LEAs.
- The Workgroup discussed the audit process and requested a flow chart be developed to document the audit process for LEAs.
  - DHCS will work with A&I on creating this flow chart.
- Another point of clarification for LEAs is the process for receiving underpayments from the State and paying back the State for overpayments.

**DHCS SNFD Update Summary**

**LEA May 9<sup>th</sup> Webinar Training – PPA/Annual Report Issues**

- Training FAQs and webinar are posted on the LEA website.

**General FAQs**

- Updated general FAQs are posted on the LEA website.

**PPA/Annual Report Process**

- DHCS has received 524 PPA/Annual Reports to date. Of these, 17 still require corrections by LEAs.
- Total number of new LEAs: 18
- Total number of PPA/Annual Reports not submitted: 41

**FY 2009/2010 CRCS Resubmission Form**

- The updated CRCS forms are posted on the LEA website.
- Deadline is November 30, 2012

**FY 2010/2011 CRCS Form**

- The updated CRCS forms are posted on the LEA website.
- Deadline is November 30, 2012

**Fall Training**

- Fall training is scheduled on September 19, 2012 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Goals for fall LEA training:
  - How to get started in the LEA Program (for new LEAs)
  - Refresher for new and current LEAs

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- FY 2012/12 CRCS updates
- SNFD/NCI surveyed LEAs and contacted some vendors to identify key CRCS topics to include in the training and determine the level of experience of LEA personnel.
- SNFD will prepare the training invitation and send out to LEA contacts and through a SELPA email.

**FY 2011/2012 Rate Inflation OIL**

- OIL 120-12 was implemented by ACS (Xerox) on June 25, 2012.
- The new inflated maximum allowable rates are updated in the LEA Provider Manual (local bill code).

**RAD Code 9921/9922 (Annual Assessment) EPC**

- Phase 1 (July 1, 2010 through September 26, 2011) EPC was implemented on July 18, 2012.
  - These resubmissions will appear on RADS beginning July 26, 2012 with Claim Control Number (CCN) prefix 220055
- Phase 2 (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010) EPC is scheduled to implement after the Rate Rebasing/ARRA EPC.

**Rate Rebasing and ARRA EPC**

- Ranked “extremely critical issue” with ACS (Xerox).
- EPC was implemented on July 31, 2012 with estimated completion of August 13, 2012.

**2010/2011 IRUS Report**

- ACS (Xerox) will initiate request after Phase 1 Annual Assessment and Rate Rebasing/ARRA EPCs are implemented.
  - Dependent on ACS (Xerox) fulfilling FY 2010/11 paid claims data and IRUS report data requests.
  - SNFD will post on LEA website as soon as possible. Estimate: September.
- Phase 2 Annual Assessment EPC will not affect claims with dates of service in FY 2010/11, therefore no impact on IRUS Report.

**A&I 1% Withhold**

- ACS (Xerox) will initiate the withhold after Phase 1 Annual Assessment and Rate Rebasing/ARRA EPCs are implemented.
- Projected implementation date: August 20, 2012 check-write.

**2.5% Withhold Tracking**

- The withhold was turned off on the June 4, 2012 check-write and \$78,866.50 over collected.
- Affected providers were credited on the July 16, 2012 check-write.

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**SMAA – CMS Audit**

- The SMAA Program is currently under deferral by CMS. The Department is working diligently with CMS to clear over 700 claiming units affected by the deferral.

**Medi-Cal Payment Error Study (MPES) Audit Update**

- Per Medical Review Board medical error assigned claims were reviewed by a team of physicians and are currently under review by a team of nurse consultants.
- There is no additional MPES information which can be shared presently.

**Data Usage Agreement (DUA) & Tape Match Revisions**

- DUA and related attachments are under final review, and will be posted on the LEA website as soon as possible. Information will include:
  - Detailed Instruction Sheet for LEAs to follow and complete the DUA
  - DUA
  - Attachment A (Data File Description)
  - Attachment B (Social Security Information Exchange Agreement)
  - Attachment C (Security Controls)
  - Attachment D (Notification of Breach)
  - Attachment E (Certificate of Destruction of Confidential Data)
- Note that the LEA or consortium must complete and return only the DUA by November 30, 2012.
- Tape Match Revisions are scheduled for completion by the end of September, 2012. These enhancements are intended to increase tape match accuracy and comply with privacy requirements.
  - LEA may submit student Social Security Number (SSN) on input field
  - Option to submit School County Code on input field
  - LEA will not receive student SSN or HIS policy information on output field
  - LEA will receive student BIC issue date on output field 120-127
- The Workgroup discussed the potential impact on SMAA.
  - SNFD will check with the Legal department and privacy officer to determine if the DUA and changes to the LEA Program will impact other Medi-Cal programs.

**CMS 6028 (NPI Numbers for Ordering & Referring Providers)**

- In June DHCS attended Provider Enrollment Division (PED) Sub-Workgroup Meetings on Ordering/Referring/Prescribing, and Revalidation.
- In July DHCS attended PED Sub-Workgroup Meetings on Screening Levels/Criminal Background Checks, Ordering, Referring and Prescribing Providers/Temporary Moratoria, and Application Fees/Revalidation.
- Note that DHCS is communicating closely with PED while PED is in the process of developing policy related to CMS 6028.

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- While the requirement does not appear to affect LEA Program there is no final decision.
- Question for LEAs: Are there instances of a LEA ordering and referring practitioner making a third party referral and therefore needing its own NPI for Medi-Cal billing?
  - The Workgroup discussed that there are no instances of school practitioners making third party referrals and then the third party bills Medi-Cal.
- PED's projected schedule:
  - Public hearing for Provider Bulletins – October 2012
  - Issue Provider Bulletins – December 1, 2012
  - Implement Provider Bulletins – January 1, 2013

**Telehealth**

- SNFD and NCI met with Benefits, Waiver Analysis, and Rates Division to determine how Telehealth can be implemented into the LEA Program.
  - The Telehealth Workgroup is in the initial stages of policy development.
  - SNFD will be included in future DHCS Telehealth Workgroup sessions.
  - A SPA may not be required to implement telehealth practices since LEAs would be providing the same reimbursable services, but the modality would change.
  - A paid claims system update would probably be required to add a billing modifier to indicate the service is being performed via telehealth.
  - NCI called Virginia to discuss their speech-language pathology telehealth practices.
  - NCI is also researching other states providing school-based services via telehealth.

**Charter Schools**

- NCI is evaluating charter school data provided by CDE and presented information regarding charter schools.
- NCI had a conference call with the California Charter Schools Association (CCSA).
- There are 982 charter schools with over 412,000 students enrolled.
- Charter schools must be authorized by 1) a local school district; 2) county board of education; or 3) State board of education.

**Transportation**

- DHCS is researching specific provisions in State regulations that restrict reimbursement to LEAs.

**DHCS/Navigant Consulting Status Update**

**Breakout Session Process and Planning**

- NCI reviewed the goals of the breakout sessions and the overall process for information to be provided back to the Workgroup.

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- After the Workgroup meeting, SNFD/NCI reviews the flip charts, summarizes the information and status into the Breakout Session Summary and Results document.
- SNFD/NCI works on ideas from the Workgroup breakout sessions for the two months prior to the next Workgroup meeting.
- The Breakout Session Summary and Results document will be emailed to the Workgroup prior to the next meeting.
- SNFD/NCI will continue to work on ideas from the breakout sessions, if necessary, and the Workgroup will be provided updates via DHCS' Status Updates Summary, as necessary.
- The Workgroup reviewed and discussed the February, April and June Breakout Meeting Session Summary and Results.
- In addition, the Workgroup reviewed and evaluated the List of Suggested LEA Breakout Topics to determine whether the topic warranted a breakout session or needed research/follow-up from SNFD/NCI and the priority of the breakout topic.
  - Workgroup members can email potential topics to co-chairs.
- The Workgroup discussed limiting the number of breakout sessions per Workgroup meeting to two topics.
  - Two groups can brainstorm the same topic to obtain different perspectives on the same topic.
- To accommodate all the status updates and breakout sessions, the Workgroup meetings will be extended by an hour.

**Next Meeting**

- Wednesday, October 3, 2012 10:30am-4:00pm at Natomas USD